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TAGS: EFIN, BE

SUBJECT: BELGIAN FINANCE MINISTER ON GOLD

BELGIAN FINANCE MINISTER DE CLERCQ TOLD PRESS ON NOVEMBER 15 THAT 1968 WASHINGTON GOLD AGREEMENT NO LONGER MEANINGFUL AND ITS ABOLITION MERELY MADE OFFICIAL THE DE FACTO SITUATION. HE SAID THAT BELGIUM HAS NO INTEREST EITHER IN BUYING OR SELLING GOLD SINCE NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED ON MARKET PRICE FOR RESERVE GOLD. DE CLERCQ ADDED THAT ABOLITION OF TOW-TIER SYSTEM MAY GRADUALLY DECREASE ROLE OF GOLD AND, THIS BEING CASE, IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR CENTRAL BANKS TO SELL BUT NOT TO BUY GOLD. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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